

Moore (KS) Rush  
Moore (WI) Sabo  
Moran (VA) Sánchez, Linda  
Nadler T.  
Napolitano Schakowsky  
Neal (MA) Schiff  
Oberstar Schwartz (PA)  
Olver Scott (VA)  
Owens Serrano  
Pallone Shays  
Pascrell Sherman  
Pastor Slaughter  
Paul Smith (WA)  
Payne Snyder  
Pelosi Solis  
Price (NC) Stark  
Rangel Tauscher  
Rothman Thompson (MS)  
Ruppersberger Tierney

Towns  
Udall (CO)  
Udall (NM)  
Van Hollen  
Velázquez  
Visclosky  
Wasserman  
Schultz  
Waters  
Shays  
Watson  
Watt  
Waxman  
Weiner  
Wexler  
Woolsey  
Wu  
Wynn

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 209, nays 216, not voting 8, as follows:

[Roll No. 535]

YEAS—209

Boswell DeLay Musgrave  
Davis (FL) Keller Roybal-Allard

□ 1153

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. DICKS changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, and Mr. JONES of North Carolina changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the Senate bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 534 I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE IN MEMORY OF VICTIMS OF RECENT EARTHQUAKE IN PAKISTAN, INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER. The Chair would ask all Members to stand and observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the recent earthquake in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, proceedings will resume with a 5-minute vote.

There was no objection.

#### MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE ON H.R. 2744, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2006

#### MOTION TO INSTRUCT OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to instruct on H.R. 2744 offered by the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion to instruct.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

Abercrombie Grijalva  
Ackerman Gutierrez  
Allen Harman  
Andrews Hastings (FL)  
Baca Hereth  
Baird Higgins  
Baldwin Hincley  
Barrow Hinojosa  
Bean Holden  
Becerra Holt  
Berkley Honda  
Berman Hooley  
Berry Hoyer  
Bishop (GA) Inslee  
Bishop (NY) Israel  
Blumenauer Jackson (IL)  
Boren Jackson-Lee  
Boucher (TX)  
Boyd Jefferson  
Brady (PA) Johnson (CT)  
Brown (OH) Johnson (IL)  
Brown, Corrine Johnson, E. B.  
Butterfield Jones (NC)  
Camp Jones (OH)  
Capps Kanjorski  
Capuano Kaptur  
Cardin Kennedy (RI)  
Cardoza Kildee  
Carnahan Kilpatrick (MI)  
Carson Kind  
Case Kucinich  
Chandler Langevin  
Clay Lantos  
Cleaver Larsen (WA)  
Clyburn Larson (CT)  
Conyers Leach  
Cooper Lee  
Costa Levin  
Costello Lewis (GA)  
Cramer Lewis (KY)  
Crowley Lipinski  
Cueyler Lofgren, Zoe  
Cummings Lowey  
Cunningham Lynch  
Davis (AL) Maloney  
Davis (CA) Markey  
Davis (IL) Marshall  
Davis (TN) Matheson  
DeFazio Matsui  
DeGette McCarthy  
Delahunt McCollum (MN)  
DeLauro McDermott  
Dicks McGovern  
Dingell McIntyre  
Doggett McKinney  
Doyle McNulty  
Edwards Meehan  
Emanuel Meek (FL)  
Engel Meeks (NY)  
Eshoo Melancon  
Etheridge Menendez  
Evans Michaud  
Farr Millender-  
Fattah McDonald  
Filner Miller (NC)  
Filner Miller, George  
Frank (MA) Mollohan  
Gonzalez Moore (KS)  
Gordon Moore (WI)  
Green, Al Murtha  
Green, Gene Nadler

NAYS—216

Aderholt  
Akin  
Alexander  
Bachus  
Baker  
Barrett (SC)  
Bartlett (MD)  
Barton (TX)  
Bass  
Beauprez  
Biggert  
Bilirakis  
Bishop (UT)  
Blackburn  
Blunt  
Boehlert  
Boehner  
Bonilla  
Bonner

Bono  
Boozman  
Boustany  
Bradley (NH)  
Brady (TX)  
Brown (SC)  
Brown-Waite,  
Ginny  
Burgess  
Burton (IN)  
Buyer  
Calvert  
Cannon  
Cantor  
Capito  
Carter  
Castle  
Chabot  
Chocola

English (PA)  
Everett  
Feeney  
Ferguson  
Fitzpatrick (PA)  
Flake  
Foley  
Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Fossella  
Foxy  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Gallegly  
Garrett (NJ)  
Gerlach  
Gibbons  
Gilchrest  
Gillmor  
Gingrey  
Gohmert  
Goode  
Goodlatte  
Granger  
Graves  
Green (WI)  
Gutknecht  
Hall  
Harris  
Hart  
Hastings (WA)  
Hayes  
Hayworth  
Hefley  
Hensarling  
Herger  
Hobson  
Hoekstra  
Hostettler  
Hulshof  
Hunter  
Hyde  
Inglis (SC)  
Issa  
Istook  
Jenkins  
Jindal  
Johnson, Sam  
Kelly  
Kennedy (MN)  
King (IA)  
King (NY)  
Kingston  
Kirk

Boswell Keller  
Davis (FL) Moran (VA)  
DeLay Myrick

□ 1204

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mrs. MCCARTHY changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to instruct was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 2744: Messrs. BONILLA, KINGSTON, LATHAM, Mrs. EMERSON, Messrs. GOODE, LAHOOD, DOOLITTLE, ALEXANDER, LEWIS of California, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. HINCHEY, FARR, BOYD, Ms. KAPTUR, and Mr. OBEY.

There was no objection.

#### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 551

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have the name of my colleague from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 551. His name was added in error.

Regula  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Renzi  
Reynolds  
Rogers (AL)  
Rogers (KY)  
Rogers (MI)  
Rohrabacher  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Royce  
Ryan (WI)  
Ryun (KS)  
Saxton  
Schmidt  
Schwarz (MI)  
Sensenbrenner  
Sessions  
Shadegg  
Shaw  
Sherwood  
Shimkus  
Shuster  
Simpson  
Smith (NJ)  
Smith (TX)  
Smith (WA)  
Sodrel  
Souder  
Stearns  
Sweeney  
Tancredo  
Taylor (NC)  
Terry  
Thomas  
Thornberry  
Tiahrt  
Tiberi  
Turner  
Upton  
Walden (OR)  
Walsh  
Wamp  
Weldon (FL)  
Weldon (PA)  
Weller  
Westmoreland  
Wicker  
Wilson (NM)  
Wilson (SC)  
Wolf  
Young (AK)  
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—8

Boswell Keller  
Davis (FL) Moran (VA)  
DeLay Myrick

□ 1204

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

#### AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 1461, FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE REFORM ACT OF 2005

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee may meet next week to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 1461, the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005. The bill was introduced on April 5 and referred to the Committee on Financial Services which ordered the bill reported out by a vote of 65-5 on May 25 and filed in the House on July 14.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Rules Committee in room H-312 of the Capitol by noon on Tuesday, October 25, 2005. Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as reported by the Committee on Financial Services on July 14. Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SESSIONS. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask the gentleman: the bill which you just indicated would be on the floor next week and you asked for amendments to be filed in a timely fashion is a very important bill. It came out, as you pointed out, with overwhelming bipartisan support. I think you said 65-7. Since that time, it is my understanding that there has been some change in the bill. In particular, I refer to the provision which deals with the ability of those who may receive dollars under the provisions of the bill for the purposes of constructing affordable housing, that if they receive Federal funds that they will be unable to thereafter participate in encouraging voter registration drives or getting more people on the rolls to vote. That is something that I think the whole House ought to address.

I believe the ranking member is going to ask that that be struck from the bill so that there not be a preclusion on voter registration drives or participation. The Catholic Conference is very concerned about that. I would presume a number of faith-based organizations are very concerned about that provision. I may have a discussion briefly with the acting majority leader on that issue as well.

But can the gentleman tell me whether or not he believes the Rules

Committee will allow the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) to offer an amendment which would put the bill back in the position which 65 people in the committee supported at the time it was reported out.

I thank my colleague for yielding and would ask him if he can give us some thought on that issue, which we feel very strongly about, and hope that that amendment can be protected and made in order by the committee and that we will have a full and fair debate on the floor of the House with reference to that amendment.

Mr. SESSIONS. Reclaiming my time, I appreciate the gentleman not only asking these questions but bringing up and talking about some important issues.

First of all, I would be the first one to admit that we have for the last few weeks been dealing with issues related to Katrina and other important matters as it relates to housing.

To answer the gentleman most directly, I must say that the instructions that I have given are that we are going back to the bill of July 14. There have been no changes made at this time to that. That will be the text that will be considered by the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee, as we deliberate, we take into consideration amendments of how people would wish for the bill to be changed, new thoughts and ideas; and that will be just as current as the filing date that we have set. So it is my hope that you would have the opportunity to work with Members of your party, and that this announcement would be available for Members of my party to say that we are open to any amendment, any thought process that people would like to come to the Rules Committee.

It is not unusual for us to hold hearings and take testimony that may take hours and hours and we hear from people. That thought process will be considered next week. The chairman of the Rules Committee, the gentleman from California, has instructed me to advise Members that we will be ready to do business next week and be open to the amendment process as Members choose.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information. There has been some suggestion, I understand, however, that although the bill may be in the same shape now, that there is a manager's amendment proposed and that the vote on the manager's amendment, which we presume, we have not seen it, would cover a multitude of subjects that are in the bill; that the vote on the issue that I have raised could be made on that manager's amendment. Therefore, you would have to vote against the manager's amendment if it changes the provision to which I referred.

I would hope, and this is not a question, just an expression, that the majority would make in order an amendment so that we could have a debate on that issue if in fact the manager's

amendment does what we are concerned about and some people are proposing undermining the ability of some groups, faith-based groups. That is why the Catholic Conference is so concerned about it, faith-based groups or other groups who would build affordable housing, get money under the bill and then be precluded from participating in any efforts, not partisan efforts but nonpartisan efforts to get people on the rolls.

I would just urge the gentleman, who is a distinguished member of the Rules Committee, to consider, very hopefully, favorably the request of Ranking Member FRANK to have made in order an amendment to deal with that subject. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. SESSIONS. I would say to the gentleman, reclaiming my time, that the Rules Committee has been visited by the gentleman from Massachusetts. He is no stranger to the Rules Committee. You also in your leadership capacities and otherwise as a Member of Congress representing your constituents from Maryland have been very vigorous in your support of the things which you believe, the ideas which you choose to press to the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee is very open, and our esteemed chairman will make available that time.

We do not know the content of that manager's amendment that you are talking about at this time. We once again encourage all Members, including the process that will be followed for the manager's amendment, to be filed on that date, October 25.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

#### LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend from Missouri (Mr. BLUNT), the distinguished acting majority leader, for the purpose of inquiring about the schedule for the week to come.

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding and would say that we intend to convene the House next Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. We will consider several measures under suspension of the rules. A final list of those bills will be sent to Members' offices by the end of the week. Any vote called on these measures on Tuesday will be rolled until 6:30 p.m.

For Wednesday and the balance of the week, the House will consider additional legislation under suspension of the rules, as well as several measures under a rule. One will be the Federal Housing Finance Reform Act of 2005 that has just been discussed; two, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2005. The third bill that we would expect to see under a rule would be House Joint Resolution 65, which would be a resolution necessary under the Defense Base Closure Commission for the House to